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IN SECRETARY'S BILATERAL WITH DUTCH FONMIN
VAN DER STOEL

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1. DURING CHANCE MEETING WITH MINISTER OF TRANSPORT
WESTERERP LAST NIGHT HE TOLD ME THAT DUTCH HAD BEEN
SURPRISED AT UNILATERAL CAB ACTION SINCE THEY HAD ENVISAGED
A THIRD NEGOTIATING SESSION. HE SAID THAT FACED WITH CAB
DEMANDS FOR SCHEDULE FILING THEY HAD HAD NO ALTERNATIVE
BUT TO CHALLENGE CAB JURISDICTION IN THE COURTS AND WILL
CONTINUE TO DO SO.

2. WHEN I FOLLOWED UP ON DCM'S REPORTED SUGGESTIONS THAT
DUTCH SWEETEN THEIR OFFER, WESTERERP REPLIED OBLIQUELY
THAT DUTCH WOULD INDEED WELCOME FURTHER ROUND OF TALKS.
NOTING THAT HE UNDERSTOOD CONTACTS BETWEEN SAS AND
AMERICAN CARRIERS WERE IN PROGRESS HE WONDERED WHETHER
DIRECT TALKS BETWEEN KLM AND PANAM MIGHT NOT NOW BE IN
THE INTERESTS OF BOTH NATIONS.

3. FROM THIS EXPRESSION OF WESTERERP'S PLUS PREVIOUSLY
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REPORTED INTEREST OF KLM HEAD ORLANDINI IN TALKING WITH

PANAM, IT APPEARS THAT THE DUTCH WOULD WELCOME SUGGESTION
THAT MATTER BE TEMPORARILY REFERRED TO THE CARRIERS FOR
DIRECT EXPLORATION OF COMPROMISE SOLUTION.
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